

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Agate Post Office)
Agate, Colorado)

Docket No. A2012-10

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

(December 21, 2012)

After careful review of the Postal Service's Final Determination, the materials in the Administrative Record, the arguments presented by Petitioners and the Petition submitted by customers of the Agate Post Office, and the Postal Service Comments, the Public Representative concludes that the Postal Service has followed applicable procedures, that the decision to close the Agate Post Office is neither arbitrary nor capricious, and that the Postal Service's decision is supported by substantial evidence. For the reasons set forth above, the Public Representative concludes the decision of the Postal Service to close the Agate Post Office should be affirmed.

However, one patron, of the Agate Post Office, raised a point on his copy of the Postal Service's questionnaire that the Postal Service did not respond to, yet may need to be addressed. The patron stated that he will continue to need a P.O. Box regardless of where his Post Office is located because the location chosen by the Postal Service, for his mailbox, is on a road that passes through a cattle paddock. The patron stated that his mailbox will be continuously damaged by cattle traversing the road. The Postal Service needs to consider all patron comments and respond to them accordingly, to ensure that customer mail boxes are located appropriately to avoid locations that may not be viable.¹

¹ Administrative Record, Item 22 no page number given. PDF file, print page number 103.

Respectfully Submitted,

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